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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006 issued in the above-identified U.S. patent application. In view of the amendments to the claims and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**